

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 3, 2014

Pastoral Council Members in Attendance: Father Jim, Ron Bachy, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Ted Novak, Joe Saxman. Christine Stinson

Others: Deacon Herb, Gerry Meyer, Renae Brinza

Opening Prayer by Fr. Jim

Old Business

- 1) Catechesis Committee – Sue Buchholz & Ted Novak – update on current programs
 - Catholic Series will begin Tuesday, March 11th
 - It is a 10 week series
 - Book being used is “Catholicism” written by Robert Baron
- 2) Evangelization/Hospitality Committee - Mary Jo Meyer & Joe Saxman
 - Recommendation on Evangelization program to use -
 - Mary Jo and Joe will review the programs previously recommended and make a recommendation at the next meeting
 - An Evangelization effort at another Parish was brought up by Deacon Herb to – on Palm Sunday they had volunteers take palm to registered parishioners who have been away from the church. Possibly something for us to consider.

Action Item: Mary Jo will follow up with Evangelization

- Update on Greeter effort – an email was sent to extraordinary ministers, lectors, and altar servers asking for volunteers to “greet” people as they come into church.
 - The response was not very positive; only 10 people responded they would participate
 - A suggestion was made to contact North American Martyrs; they have a greeter program.
- Update on publicity effort through website with Cathy Collins
 - No meeting has been scheduled to date
 - A suggestion was made for all council member to review the website for errors, updates and announcements

Action Item: Joe will arrange a meeting or call with Cathy Collins to launch a publicity effort via the website.

- 3) Youth Music Ministry update – Thom will meet with Frank from St. Bernadette’s as soon as Frank is better.

NOTE: The organ is broken; cost is approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 to replace the organ without the pipes. Replacing the organ doesn’t need to be acted on immediately; it is good for another year, but it will be a concern in two years.

- 4) Budget Shortfall update - \$6500 budget shortfall in collection from July 2013 through January 2014

NOTE: The building campaign has been extended through 2015 (donations not assessed the 17%)

5) Church Alive Campaign

- Our parish's campaign is January through April, 2014
- Our goal is \$600,000+ – we will receive 40% of every dollar donated
- To date we are at \$314,820 – over 50% of our goal
- To date we have received 60 pledges

New Business

6) Worship – possible Parish Retreat this year

- St. Paul is doing two retreats this year; both are held by Father Scott Seethaler
- One is for married couples which we can participate but would exclude single people; the second is for all men and women
- Retreats are being held in September 2014
- Worship Committee to review and decide if it is something we want to do

7) Evangelization – suggestion to create email list of parishioners for the news “blasts”

Action Item: Mary Jo and Joe are going to try and get everyone's e-mail address. A suggestion was made to collect e-mail addresses at the fish fry.

Action Item: Joe is to work with Cathy Collins to compile the list.

8) Stewardship – parish survey – Stewardship Committee is Paul Messineo & Christine Stinson

- A survey of the parish may be a good idea to see what our parishioners feel is lacking or could help improve our parish.
- Shooting for late summer or early fall to send the survey out to parishioners
- St. Bede's did this and it was very successful; maybe contact them for ideas

Action Item: Paul and Christine will look into this

For the Good of the Parish

- Information on this year's Gathering of Catholic Men -Ted reported on this event
 - It is being held April 12th; it is the 9th annual gathering
 - Expect 3,000 men; St. Colman's had @ 7 attend last year
 - Price is \$10 for 12-22 and \$40 for 23 and over

Action Item: Mary Jo will contact Mike to ask if he wants to take the 7th and 8th graders to this event. The parish will pay for him and the students.

- 40 Days for Life Information - Arlene reported on this event
 - It is being held March 5th through April 13th ; March 22nd is St. Colman's day from 11am to 3pm
 - Volunteers are welcome to join; carpooling is available

Dates to Note:

- Mission Co-Op is June 7th and 8th - Religious Order of Nuns
- Little Sisters of the Poor is August 17th

Next Meeting is Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:30pm